

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 27, 1963

ARTHUR ALLEN GENTRY, District Supervisor, Continental Oil Company Off Shore Operations, 400 Kirby Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

He is the direct supervisor of LONNIE BEN MORGAN and as such is in contact with MORGAN several times a day in connection with company oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. He advised MORGAN has been a drilling foreman for the Continental Oil Company for approximately six years in the Morgan City, Cameron and Gulf area of Louisiana. Two or three years ago, MORGAN was in Mexico on Company drilling operations for a brief period but with that exception has worked in the southwest Louisiana area almost exclusively. During the six year period he has known MORGAN, at no time has MORGAN ever voiced his political opinions concerning President KENNEDY or the present administration. He does recall some discussions where he obtained the opinion MORGAN was a segregationist, but no more so than many southerners and MORGAN's views on the racial problem were not radical or extreme. While he can not be positive, he is quite certain MORGAN has not been seeking contributions for any cause, group or organization among persons engaged in the Oil Industry in the Lake Charles area as sooner or later he would have heard about such activities. At no time has MORGAN approached him about making a contribution "to get rid of, or to kill KENNEDY". He is of the opinion MORGAN's estranged wife may have reported that he did make such a statement as she is very bitter concerning the pending divorce and is known to be an alcoholic.

As the direct supervisor of MORGAN he advised he is personally aware MORGAN has not been in the Dallas, Texas, area on company business or during working hours. If such a trip had been made it would have to have been made almost overnight as he is also in contact with MORGAN on weekends. MORGAN did take a trip to McAllen, Texas, several months ago to visit his parents for a weekend and to the best of his knowledge, this was MORGAN's only trip to Texas in the recent past.

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On Friday, November 22, 1963, he personally observed MORGAN in the offices of the Continental Oil Company, 400 Kirby Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana, between the approximate hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. MORGAN was filing and working on drilling reports during that period. At approximately 10:00 he instructed MORGAN to proceed to Cameron, Louisiana, and then to Continental Oil Rig #192A located in the Gulf of Mexico. At approximately 3:00 p.m., November 22, 1963, he received a radio communication from MORGAN at the Rig concerning a particular drilling problem which had arisen.

He advised the Continental Oil Company has no office as such in Dallas, Texas, to his knowledge and the nearest office to Dallas would be the Fort Worth Office.